

Quantiferon Testing in Community School Contact Investigations

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Background Information

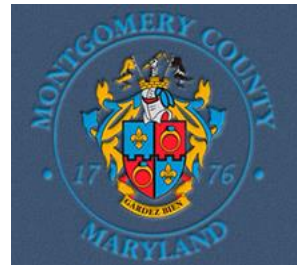
SETTING	PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL	PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Total # Students*	`800	`1, 400
Demographics*	39% Hispanic, 14.5% ESOL	35% Hispanic, 7.7% ESOL
Index Case	13 years of age; Peru; infectiousness; smear status; positive PPD; entered U.S. 1/10/2014	17 years of age; Peru; infectiousness; smear status; positive QFT; entered U.S. 2/18/2012
School Contacts Identified	Yes-students, teachers, bus drivers	Yes, -students, teachers
Special Considerations	School uses a 7-class period schedule; primarily in class with the same group of students throughout the school day; average-sized classes; public school bus	ESOL student; primarily shared class time and activities with the same group of students throughout the school day; smaller than average-sized classes; family drives to school

*<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/sharedaccountability/glance/>



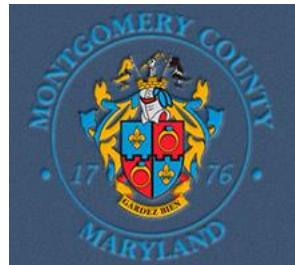
Contact Investigation: Screening Options

- Tuberculin Skin Test (TST)
- Quantiferon (QFT)



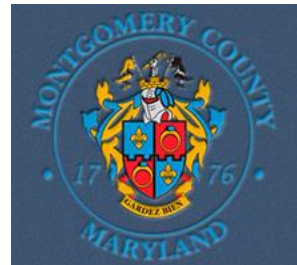
Screening Tool Selection

- Population
- Resources
- Support
 - Department of Health and Human Services (DHS)
 - DHMH Public Health Laboratory (PHL)
 - Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)
- Feasibility
 - Staff
 - Availability
 - Skills
 - Experience
- New Approach



External Collaborative Partners

- Maryland Center for Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Team (CTBCP)
- Maryland DHMH Laboratory (PHL)
- Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)
- Local School Site Administration
- Qiagen
- Maryland Tuberculosis Control Program Jurisdictions



Internal Collaborative Partners

- Montgomery County DHHS
 - Public Health Officer
 - Communicable Disease & Epidemiology Senior Administrator
 - Epidemiologist
 - Public Information Officer
 - Tuberculosis Control Program Team
 - Immunization Program Team
 - School Health Services Team
 - Emergency Preparedness Team



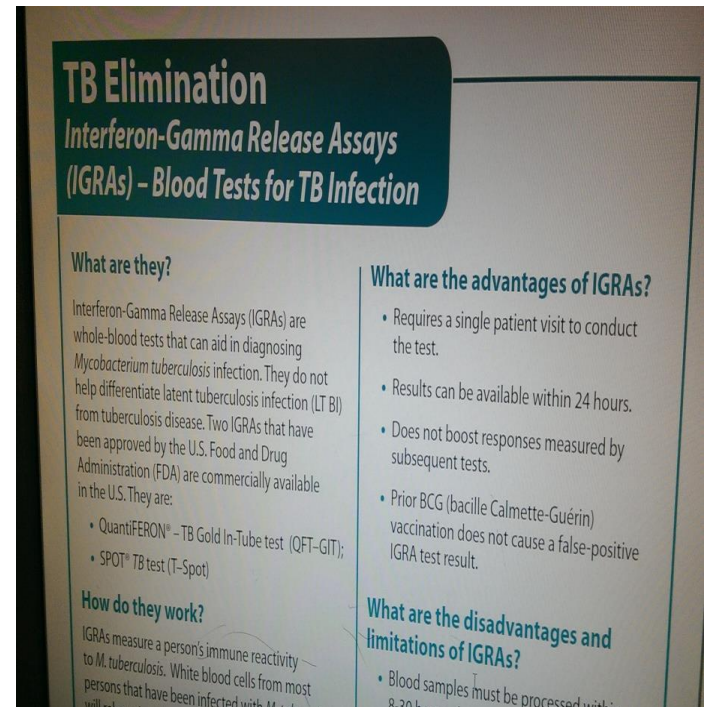
Communication with the School Community

- School Administration and Staff
 - Initial meeting with leadership
 - Principal
 - Letters
 - Fact sheets
 - Options
 - Contact information
 - Phone
 - Face to face



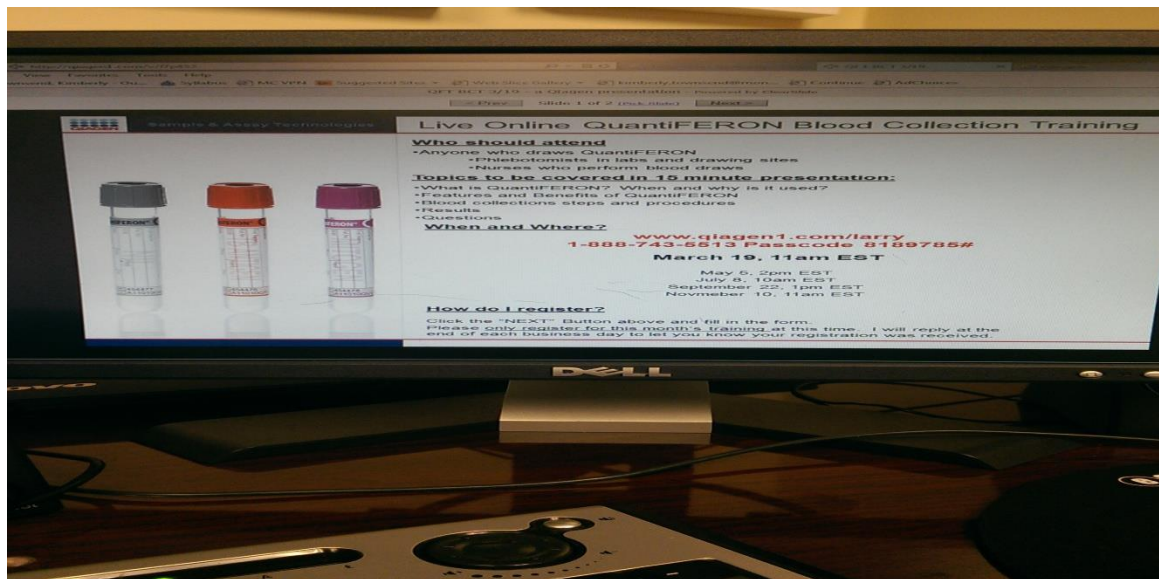
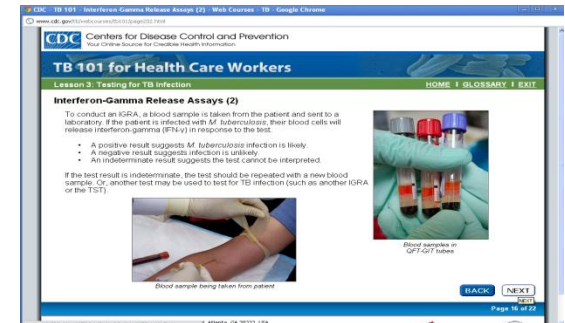
Communication, cont'd

- Parents and Students
 - Principal
 - Letters
 - Fact Sheets
 - Options
 - Contact Information
 - Face to face
 - Connect Ed



Logistics

- Incident Command Services (ICS)- Like Model
 - Task specific staff assignment
 - Skills and ability
 - Structured work flow
 - Focus on efficiency (estimate length of time for each blood draw)



Logistics

- Preparation
- Initial meeting with site administration
- Site visit by logistics team
- Location at site
- Set-up design
- Supplies
- Documentation



Logistics

- Consent
 - Forms with signature
 - Phone
- Communication of Results
- Follow up with parents and students

TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING REPORT

TB Skin Test (PPD): Date Done: _____ Date Read: _____ PPD Result: _____
QuantiferON Test: Date Done: _____ Result: _____ Date Reported: _____
Chest X-Ray: Date Done: _____ Chest X-Ray Result: _____
Clinical Re-Evaluation for Clearance Card Update: Date Done: _____

Clearance Type:
1 ☐ TB SKIN TEST (PPD) 2 ☐ QuantiferON 3 ☐ CHEST X-RAY 4 ☐ CLINICAL RE-EVALUATION

Name of Interviewer: _____ Signature: _____

Give this portion to your employer, school, doctor, or keep for your personal records.

Montgomery County, Maryland - TB Control Program - 240-777-18

SYMPTOMS OF TUBERCULOSIS - CALL US IF SYMPTOMATIC. Persistent cough, loss of appetite, fever or chills, weakness or fatigue, coughing up blood, weight loss, night sweats.	ENGL
SINTOMAS DE TUBERCULOSIS - SI TIENE ALGÚN SINTOMA LLAMENOS. Tos persistente, pérdida de apetito, fiebre o escalofrío, fatiga, tos con sangre, pérdida de peso, sudor nocturno.	SPA
Triệu Chứng Của Bệnh Lao Phổi. Nếu Có Triệu Chứng Xin Gọi Số. Ho dai dẳng, ăn không ngon miệng, nóng lạnh, suy nhược, hay mệt mỏi, ho ra máu, mất ký, mồ hôi ban đêm.	VIET
SYMPTOMES DE TUBERCULOSE. APPELEZ NOUS SI CES SYMPTOMES SE PRÉSENTENT. Toux persistante, perte de l'appétit, fièvre ou frissons, fatigue constante, perte de poids, sueurs nocturnes.	FR

Keep this portion for your reference.



Successes and Challenges

What Worked Well	What Were Some Challenges
Collaboration	Collaboration
ICS	Space/Lighting
Coordination	Resources
Planning and training	Consent
Communication	Follow up
Logistics	Supervision
Specimen integrity and transport	Emergency plan
Understanding School policy and guidelines	Snacks/water
92% tested at HS	76% tested at MS
Evaluation	Media coverage



Outcomes

Outcome	Public Middle School	Public High School
# Identified	196	149
# Screened (single-round)	156	143
# Positive	3	4
# Foreign-born Positive	3	4
# Completed TLTBI	2	2
# Declined TLTBI (total)	1	2



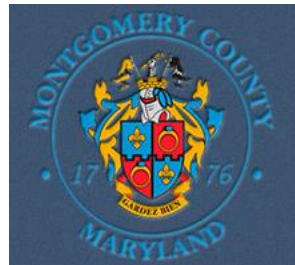
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SETTING	PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL	PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Total # Students*	`800	`1, 400
Total # Identified	196	149
Percent of Identified Tested/Evaluated	76% Tested	92% Tested
Total # Tested Positive	3	4
Total # Completed TLTI	2	2



Recommendations

- Screening tool selection
- ICS model
- Resources and support
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Preparation
- Consent
- Specimen transport
- Biohazard waste disposal
- Plan for the unexpected!
- Flexibility
- Consider population



Thank You!

- Please use the microphone when asking questions

